

## ALEXANDRIA:

A gentleman who arrived at New York

A letter from Madrid furnishes a full report of an interesting debate which took place in the Spanish Cortes on the subject of the relations actually existing between Spain and Mexico. Sr. C. del Maro inveighed against the conduct of Mexico with respect to her debts to Spain, the outrages committed on Spanish subjects by her troops, and the bad faith shown by her in the negotiations which ensued. He at first denounced the intentions of the Lafregua mission to Madrid and the intervention of France and England. Sr. Isturiz, president of the council of ministers, replied, showing that Spain, looking to the safety of her West India possessions, could not well enter on a war that might involve her with America and some of the powers of Europe. Sr. Maro expressed his indignation at the explanation.

The New York Tribune says:—"We learn that the brig Hurricane Bird arrived at Baltimore at 3½ o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, with the particulars of the loss of the clipper ship John Gilpin; but this important intelligence appears to have been kept private until after the close of business. Meantime, as rumor has it, certain parties in possession of the secret, telegraphed to this city and perhaps to Boston, and effected insurance upon the Gilpin's cargo to the extent of \$30,000. We understand the underwriters are now discussing this matter."

The Paris *Mouiteur* publishes a report made to the Emperor by Marshal Vaillant on the subject of the annual prize of 20,000 francs given to the colonist in Algeria who has made the greatest progress in the cultivation of cotton. The report states that in the province of Algiers little progress has been made, owing to the cultivation of tobacco being a more popular pursuit. In the province of Oran and Constantia there has, however, been a handsome increase.

A slavery resolution was discussed last week in the New York East Methodist Conference. Dr. Weedon and Mr. Hatfield advocated the resolution, and Dr. Bangs opposed it, saying that it was a matter the conference had nothing to do with, and he did not believe it was sinful to own and sell slaves.

A letter to the Commercial Advertiser says that a duel had occurred at Paris, between Mr. Calhoun, Secretary of the American Legation, and Mr. Brevoort, of New York.—Shots were once exchanged, when, owing to an informality in the arrangements, the seconds interfered.

Since there was any body to shoe them—and further—it often happens that they are shooed best when scratching the worst.”—This matron is of the opinion Noah shooed these bad in the ark. B—B—B—

Maury, of the National Observatory at Washington.—*Fred. News.*

that the horse should be at his starting post when the locomotive came up even, and the word "go" should be given; when away was under whip and steam. The judges declared the horse the winner by one length. The bet was \$50 a side, and the race eighty rods. This decides the question that the horse is faster than steam.—*Montreal (Canada) Times*.

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